GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services - Forest Department – Disciplinary action against Sri J.Hari Babu, ACF(Retd.) – Article of Charge issued – Inquiry finalized and findings received – Imposition of penalty of 2% cut in pension for a period of (3) years against retired charged officer - Show-Cause-Notice issued - Explanation received – Final orders - Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (SEC.IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 6 Dated: 25-01-2017

Read the following:

1.From the Prl.CCF Rc.No.39115/2012/Vig-3, Dt:12-09-2014.
2. G.M.No.5532/Sec.IV/A1/2014, dt:09.09.2015.
3. From the PCCF, Lr.No.39115/2012/vig-3(i), dt:19.12.2015.
4. G.M.No.5532/Sec.IV/A1/2014, dt:31.12.2015.
5. From the PCCF, A.P., Hyd, Lr.No.39115/2012/A&DC-2, dt:03.03.2016.
6. Govt.Memo No.5532/Sec.IV/A1/2014, dt:31.05.2016.
7. From the PCCF & HoFF, A.P., Guntur, Lr.No.39115/2012/A&DC-2,dt:02.12.2016.
8. Govt.Lr.No.5532/Sec.IV/A1/2014, Dt:14.12.2016.
9. From the Secretary, APPSC, Lr.No.1073/DC&C/2/2016, Dt.03.01.2017.

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ORDER:

In the reference 5th read above, the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests has informed that an Article of Charge was issued against Sri J.Hari Babu, ACF (Retd.) the then DFO, Krishna vide PCCF Rc.No.39115/2012-P1 dt.25.02.2013, on the following count:

Article:I That he has committed grave irregularities in issuing NOCs for the areas falling in reserve Forest/adjacent to RF areas, resulting in encroachment and attempts for regularization of encroachments in connivance with the encroachers.

2. The Charged Officer has acknowledged Article of Charge on 13.03.2013 and submitted defence statement received on 22.03.2013. Not satisfied with his defence statement, the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests appointed the Conservator of Forests, Rajahmundry and Divisional Forest Officer, Krishna as **common Inquiry Officer & common Presenting Officer** respectively, for conducting regular inquiry vide PCCF Proc.No.39115/2012/P1(i&ii) dt.18.04.2013. The Inquiry Officer conducted enquiry and submitted findings vide the Chief Conservator of Forests Rajahmundry Rc.No.7767/2012/M8, dt.26.04.2014, wherein he has **held the charges proved**.

3. The findings of Inquiry Officer were communicated to the Charged Officer vide Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests, Ref.No.39115/2012/K3, dt.20.05.2014. The Charged Officer submitted his further defense statement on 27.06.2014.

4. The Charged Officer has retired from service on attaining the age of superannuation on 30.06.2013. Hence, the disciplinary proceedings were continued under Rule 9 of AP Revised pension Rules, 1980.

5. After careful examination of the matter, with reference to the findings of the Inquiry Officer, the remarks of the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests, and material made available, Government have observed that the charge framed against the

Charged Officer is held proved and provisionally decided to **impose a punishment of 2% cut on pension for a period of 3 years against Sri J.Hari Babu, ACF(Retd.)** under rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

6. Accordingly, a Show-Cause- Notice was issued to the retired officer vide reference 6th read above. The PCCF vide reference 7th read above has informed that the Retired Officer has not submitted any further defence statement within stipulated time.

7. Government, after careful examination of the matter hereby order to **impose a punishment of 2% cut on pension for a period of 3 years against Sri J.Hari Babu, ACF(Retd.)** under rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

8. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, A.P. Guntur is directed to take action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

G.ANANTHA RAMU
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Andhra Pradesh,
Aghathavarapadu, Gunutur.
The Individual (through Principal Chief Conservator of Forests).
Copy to:
The Accountant General (A&E) A.P., Hyderabad.
The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, Ibrahimpatnam, Vijayawada.
The Prl. Secretary, A.P. Public Service Commission, Hyderabad
(with ref. to Lr.No.1073/DC&C/2/2016, Dt.03.01.2017).
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//FORWARDED :: BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER